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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Reggie Miller.

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Whereas, Reggie Miller is and always will be the heart and soul of Indiana Pacers basketball, spending his entire 18 year career wearing number 31;

Whereas, Reggie Miller is the player all Pacers fans look to for that final shot that wins a close game;

Whereas, Reggie Miller is the player who, for years, has been the role model young athletes want to pattern themselves after;

Whereas, Reggie Miller epitomizes everything that is good and wholesome about sports;

Whereas, Reggie Miller is the type of athlete every mother and father want their child to become;

Whereas, Reggie Miller is a selfless player, a team player, and a player who knows that someday younger players will be ready to assume his leadership role on the team;

Whereas, That time has come for the player who owns the National Basketball Association all-time record for 3-point shots made and attempted;

Whereas, Reggie Miller, who will turn 40 this summer, will retire at the end of the 2004-2005 season;

Whereas, Reggie Miller, now in his 18th season with the



Pacers, was a first-round draft pick out of UCLA in 1987;

Whereas, Reggie Miller quickly became known as a force within the NBA, is a five-time All-Star averaging at least 18 points a game for 12 consecutive seasons through 2000-2001, and is the winner of an Olympic gold medal and a World Championship gold medal;

Whereas, Reggie Miller burst onto the national scene in 1994 when he scored 25 fourth-quarter points in an Eastern Conference finals victory over the host New York Knicks while trading barbs with movie director Spike Lee, who was seated courtside;

Whereas, There are some magical numbers associated with Reggie Miller's career, such as: 24,685 points, the 14th most in NBA history and the most in Pacers history; 2,505 three-pointers, the most in NBA history; 6,321 attempted three-pointers, the most in NBA history; 88.6% career free-throw percentage, tied with Larry Bird for 5th best in NBA history; 6,064 completed free throws, the 11th most in NBA history; 1,355 games, the 6th most in NBA history; and 57 points, his career high scoring game against the Charlotte Hornets on November 28, 1992;

Whereas, Patrick Ewing, now an assistant coach for the Houston Rockets, credits Reggie as being one of the "purest shooters to play the game";

Whereas, One of Reggie Miller's most memorable performances came against Patrick Ewing and the Knicks in the first game of the 1995 Eastern Conference playoffs, where he turned a 6 point New York lead into a 107-105 Pacers victory by scoring eight points in 8.9 seconds, stunning the partisan crowd at Madison Square Garden in New York City;

Whereas, Although there have been many high points in Reggie Miller's career, an NBA Championship has eluded him so far;

Whereas, The closest Reggie Miller and the Pacers have come to a championship victory was when the Pacers lost to



the Los Angeles Lakers in six games in the 2000 NBA Finals;

Whereas, Reggie Miller is much more than an outstanding basketball player; he contributes greatly to the community by visiting Indianapolis schools, where he signs autographs and mentors students, and by visiting patients in local hospitals, where he has helped raise tens of thousands of dollars for fire and burn units;

Whereas, His heroics on the basketball court were surpassed when he heard the cries of Richard Craig on an Indianapolis interstate and stopped to help save Craig's stricken mother's life;

Whereas, Reggie Miller proved that you can't always judge a book by its cover and is an excellent candidate for the NBA Hall of Fame: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

1 SECTION 1. That the members of the Indiana General Assembly
2 express their gratitude to Reggie Miller for setting a good example for
3 young Hoosiers to follow, for the hours of dedicated service he has
4 given willingly to those in need, and for the hours of pleasure he has
5 given basketball fans through the years.

6 SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the
7 Secretary of the Senate to Reggie Miller and the Indiana Pacers
8 organization.

